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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application  
of U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1

Inventors: Dario SANSONE et al.

Application No.: 10/659,794

Reissue Filing Date: September 11, 2003

For: VEHICLE WITH RETRACTABLE  
AND STEERABLE REAR WHEEL  
(As Amended)

Group Art Unit: 3619

Examiner in Prior Application:  
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Sir:

**REISSUE DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.175**

I, Dario Sansone and Ubaldo Puglia, citizens of Italy, with residence and post office address as listed below, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. We believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in United States Patent No. 6,286,615 B1, granted on September 11, 2001, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled, "HEAVY VEHICLE FOR BREAKING UP GROUND WITH RETRACTING AND STEERING REAR WHEELS."

2. We claim priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 119 to Italian application VI99A000056, filed on March 23, 1999.

3. We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent, including the original patent claims, and the changes to the specification and claims in the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 11, 2003, and the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

4. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this reissue application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

5. We believe U.S. Patent No. 6,288,615 B1 to be, through error and without deceptive intent, at least partly inoperative by reason of our claiming less than we had a right to claim in the patent.


6. An error, which is a statutory basis for reissue, is that we unnecessarily limited the scope of patent protection to which we are entitled. Claims 1-11 do not cover the full breadth of our disclosed invention, and we erred by not pursuing during the original prosecution additional, broader claims, such as those filed in the Preliminary Amendment on September 11, 2003. For example, our patent protection provided by the issued claims need not be limited to rear supports being pivotable about a rear vertical axis, as required by issued claim 9. This limitation is not included in, for example, new independent claim 77 submitted with the Preliminary Amendment on September 11, 2003.

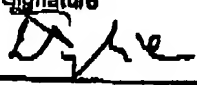
7. The above-described error and all other errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intent.

8. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true;

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and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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### ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS We, the Inventors (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), of the invention described in the following U.S. Patent

U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1

Issued: September 11, 2001

Title: Heavy Vehicle for Breaking Up Ground with Retracting and Steering Rear Wheels


WHEREAS, Bitelli S.p.A., a corporation of Italy whose post office address is Via IV Novembre, 2, 40061, Minerbio, Bologna, Italy (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from Assignee is hereby acknowledged, we, as Assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the Assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, our entire right, title, and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all other Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, as well as all rights to claim priority on the basis of U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1, and all Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent from U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1 to Assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, WE HEREBY covenant that we have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will, without further consideration, communicate with Assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1 in said Assignee, its successors or assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection from U.S. Patent No. 6,286,615 B1 in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE, CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), OFFER TO  
SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT & GRANT OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.172(a), Bitelli, S.p.A. consents to the filing of the above-identified reissue application and, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-identified patent by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached.

Bitelli, S.p.A., pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, also hereby offers to surrender the original patent.

I hereby declare that I am empowered to sign this document on behalf of Bitelli, S.p.A., that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent or any further patent issuing thereon.

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